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Enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Our Reference: NGB.545

Dear Examiner Murphy:

Enclosed for filing is a Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the final Office Action mailed on December 9, 2005, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.